

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

JULY 25, 2021



SAINT JOAN OF ARC 47th Annual Festival

AUGUST - 12 - 13 - 14
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 5-10 pm

GREAT FOOD

- Pork BBQ
- Pronio's Italian Sausage Subs
- Homemade Meatball Subs
 - Hand Cut French Fries
 - Burgers • Hot Dogs
 - Pierogies
- Chicken Caesar Salad
- Funnel Cakes • Bake Sale • Ice Cream

GREAT FUN

- Cash Raffles
- Restaurant Tour of Hershey Raffle
- Christian Pulisic Jersey Raffle
- Basket Raffles • Silent Auction
- Kids Games • Games of Skill
- Face Painting • Bounce House
- Crafts • Jewelry Sales • Bingo
- Plants & Bounties from Your Garden

HOMEMADE DINNERS in the Cafeteria - 4 pm - 7 pm

Take Out Available

THURSDAY – Chicken Cacciatore
FRIDAY and SATURDAY – Italian Lasagna with Meatballs

ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 – DJ, Dave Willey
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 – Crossing Abbey Road
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 – Happy Slovenes

359 W. Areba Ave., Hershey, PA 17033 ♦ 717-533-7168 ♦ www.sjafestival.com

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 am

9:30 am (livestreamed)

11:30 am

5:00 pm (1525 Sand Hill Rd. Hummelstown, PA)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:45 am & 9:00 am (livestreamed)

Saturday 9:00 am (livestreamed)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm

Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-4:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Joan of Arc Parish, by the grace of God and through our participation in His Word, the Church's sacraments, and prayer, seek our eternal salvation.

We live out the doctrines and traditions of our Faith in communion with the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, established by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With courage, we follow the example of our patron saint and invoke her intercession as we strive to know God, love God, and serve God which moves us to actively promote and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of our every day life.



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, JULY 26:

MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

6:45 AM Gregory J. Barker

9:00 AM Deceased Tarantino Family

TUESDAY, JULY 27

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

6:45 AM Georgiana Ulseth

9:00 AM Felix Valeri

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

6:45 AM Bob Trenn

9:00 AM Lisa Guilmette

THURSDAY, JULY 29:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTHA

Ex 40:16-38; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

6:45 AM Special Intention of Anne McMahon

9:00 AM Jamey Lynn Murphy-Wood

FRIDAY, JULY 30:

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

6:45 AM Stanley Stewart

9:00 AM Paul Cramer

SATURDAY, JULY 31:

MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

9:00 AM Patricia Slimmer

5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1:

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in his image.

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

7:30 AM Jeffries and Yanoscsik Families

9:30 AM Deceased Bob Hoffman Family

11:30 AM Charles Ohrnberger

5:00 PM Deceased Camasta, D'Ambrosio, and Breckenmaker Families



FROM THE PASTOR

A Letter from Bishop Gainer.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Along with the other bishops of Pennsylvania, I give thanks to Almighty God for the progress our country has made in curbing the coronavirus pandemic. Each of us has felt the impact of COVID-19 in many ways as individuals and families, among friends and at work. This has been a time of hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation that has impacted our lives of faith as well. Our Lord Jesus has been near to us throughout this difficult period, especially when we encounter Him in the Holy Eucharist. There He offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. Now the time has come for everyone to return joyfully to the celebration of the Eucharist with thanksgiving and renewed faith.

As life returns to normalcy in many ways, each bishop will reinstate in his diocese the obligation of attending Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass has been in place since March of 2020 when the developing coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is possible for the faithful to assemble again for the Eucharist and fitting to restore the obligation.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days arises from our Baptism which compels us to unite ourselves with Christ at the altar in His saving Sacrifice of the Cross (Code of Canon Law, canon 1247).

“Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182).” The obligation expresses the Christian way to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord’s Day (Deuteronomy 5:12; Exodus 31:15; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2180-2181).

As is always the case, this obligation does not apply to those who are seriously ill, who have a serious health risk, such as those receiving therapies that suppress immunity, as well as those who have serious anxiety because of large groups. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for loved ones who cannot attend Mass in person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181). Whenever legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, you are urged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting yourself to Christ in His worship of the Father of us all. Also, you are encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass.

As your Bishop, I welcome this moment that reinstates the obligation for all Catholics in the Diocese of Harrisburg on August 15, 2021. For all of us, it is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Holy Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in His Holy Body and Blood as well as for the joy of gathering together as a believing community of faith.

May God continue to bless you and your families, and may Mary continue to intercede with Her Son to keep us safe and renewed in our love for the Eucharist.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of **Nancy A. Hoffman** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathies to her family and friends on their loss.

☪ Parish - Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **Jacaruso Family, Mort Kayser, Mary Beth Sheehan, Barbara Kayser, Jeff & Lori Sotack, Rose Zaccagnini, Pat Nestico, Kathleen Wertz, the Grubb, Kokenzie, Schindler, and Demore Families, Tom Searer, and Jim Heckman.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

MAIN ALTAR Vases 1 & 2, BLESSED MOTHER, and SAINT JOSEPH

In Thanksgiving and Celebration of the marriage of Michael Lentieri and Melissa Haslam.

AVAILABLE DATES

Dates are available in August, September, and October to memorialize or dedicate for a loved one. Please call the parish office (717) 533-7168.



✠ MINISTRY NEWS

Respect Life

**A New Hope: Dobbs v. Jackson
What Has Changed Since Roe v. Wade?**
(Second in the 10-part series)

Ultrasonography. The technology of ultrasound has become a “window to the womb.” We can now see that 21 days after conception a preborn baby’s heart is beating,¹ at 12 weeks he can suck his thumb,² and at 15 weeks he reacts to gentle touches and painful stimuli.³

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, former abortionist turned pro-life advocate, wrote in his autobiography, *The Hand of God*:

“In order to give you some idea of the immense influence of this new technology [ultrasound] on the practice of obstetrics and our knowledge of the fetus, let me tell you that there is a huge book called , which lists every article published in every medical journal in the world. In the 1969 edition of the Index under the heading of ‘fetus, physiology and anatomy of,’ there were five articles in the world’s literature. As recently as that, we knew almost nothing of the fetus; when abortion on demand was unleashed in the United States [in 1973], fetology essentially did not exist. In 1979, there were twenty-eight hundred articles, and by 1994 there were close to five thousand. This technology had opened a new world to us.”⁴

1 When Does Life Begin Fact Sheet — Human Life Alliance

2 Diary of an Unborn Child | National Right to Life (nrlc.org)

3 Fact Sheet: Science of Fetal Pain - Charlotte Lozier Institute

4 Bernard Nathanson, *The Hand of God* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, Inc., 1996), 129.

Pray & Play Group for Moms and Young Children

Interested in getting together with other Catholic moms to pray, chat, and share snacks while the kids play? Please join us for play dates on the first and third Mondays at 9:30 am. For location and any questions, please email sarah.bonavia@gmail.com.

Road to Kindness

We hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer! This weekend, we want to highlight an organization that is bringing Kindness to the digital world, the “Random Posts of Kindness” Campaign. When we use the internet for positive, uplifting, and KIND ways and we guide our families and our children to make “Random Posts of Kindness,” we are following God’s Way—“The Road to Kindness!” Visit www.enough.org/randompostsofkindness for more information and to join this campaign in spreading Kindness and Love.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Food Collection

The monthly food/money collection will take place on the last full weekend of each month at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses through November 2021. All proceeds benefit the Hershey Food Bank. We have had great success in the past and appreciate your kind food and money donations.

St. Michael’s Guard

The St. Michael’s Guard at St. Joan of Arc is seeking new members. St. Michael’s Guard is a Diocesan-wide brotherhood of adult men serving at the altar of the Lord during mass and other liturgies.

St. Michael’s Guard at St. Joan of Arc assists with events such as Sunday Mass, Confirmation, Forty Hours Devotion, Christmas, and Easter Mass. Guardsmen can also serve larger Diocesan events, such as Solemn Vespers, the “Unite Pennsylvania” Mass, and the Eucharistic Procession at the Cathedral. No prior altar serving experience is necessary. For more information, please contact John Shiffler by emailing john@stmichaelsguard.com or calling (717) 395-8004.

Save the Date: Sept. 17-18 Flea Market/Rummage Sale

The CCW Flea Market/Rummage Sale will be held in the St. Joan of Arc Parish Social Hall on Friday, September 17 from 8 am to 3 pm and Saturday, September 18 from 8 am to 11 am.

Donations will be accepted at the shed on the parking lot of the former school through September 8 from 8 am-5 pm. Please observe the following exceptions that cannot be accepted: No textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, furniture, baby equipment, large appliances, VCR tapes, or sheets.

Tuesday Prayer


The ladies of the CCW will gather Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the church to pray the Prayer of the Faithful, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as private prayers for all our parishioners. We invite other ministries to join us as we gather weekly to pray for those touched by COVID-19, as well as other illnesses.



BULLETIN REQUESTS

Requests MUST be received by 9:00 am the Monday prior to that weekend’s bulletin, submitted as they are to appear in print, made through the designated electronic form.

✠ **Contact Us—Request: Bulletin Content**



STEWARDSHIP

We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving

Weekly Tithing: \$24,044
Weekly Budget: \$26,442
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$1,398

Week of July 11, 2021

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Raffle Tickets

7th Week Drawing Winners:

1. \$100.00 – Genevieve Sario, Gloucester City, NJ
2. \$ 50.00 – Lynn Savelle, Vineland, NJ
3. \$ 50.00 – Bruce Bedwell, Vineland, NJ
4. \$ 50.00 – Peter Galetto, Millville, NJ
5. \$ 50.00 – Dorothy Comer, Bridgeton, NJ



Purchase your ticket for the 2021 20-week raffle benefitting the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy. Starting on June 6 and ending October 17, over \$10,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Purchase tickets at the Parish and School offices for a \$20 donation. For more details,

contact the Convent (717) 533-2864.

PARISH FESTIVAL AUGUST 12-14

The 47th Annual Parish Festival will take place August 12, 13, 14. Please visit www.SJAFestival.com to see everything we have planned, how you can help, or to volunteer. Please direct any questions to karencwilley@gmail.com.



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VOCATIONS CORNER

“Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness.”

Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki
frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org
 (717) 657-4804 ext. 282

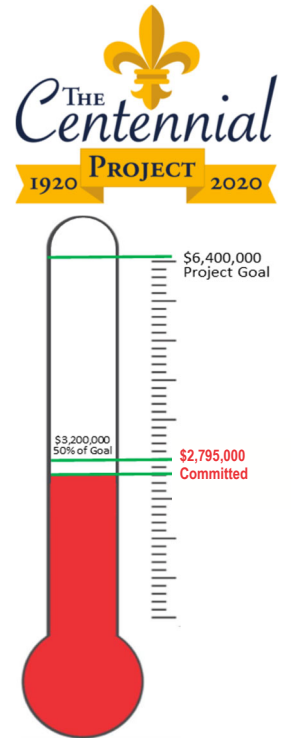
THE CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Please pray for the success of the Centennial Project 2020 Campaign.

Enrollment for the fall semester at St. Joan of Arc continues to grow. There are over 500 students committed, which is 20% more than this year and 40% more than last year at the West Areba Avenue School. With some relocation, room juggling, and renovations, we are able to fit onto two floors, but the school is definitely full. Your financial assistance in expanding the third floor next summer has become an urgent priority.

Your dollars are an investment in the mission of our Parish, that is, passing on our Catholic faith to the next generation through education and worship. If you haven't yet considered a sacrificial gift, there are several creative approaches to contributions that may be of interest, based on your current situation:

- Stock prices have appreciated significantly. A gift of stock is exempt from capital gains tax.
- The real estate market has skyrocketed and building lots are in great demand. Gifts of real estate are deductible at appraised value or the selling price, which in the current environment is often higher.
- Pledges over time generally result in a larger total gift.
- In planning a budget, on-line giving enables recurring monthly debits that automatically end when the pledge is completed.
- Use the Centennial envelope in your monthly mailer for your convenience, and your donations will be recorded.



All gifts and proceeds are deposited in a restricted savings account that can only be used for the renovations of the St. Joan of Arc School or the Parish Social Hall improvements. Every dollar is important and very much appreciated. It is very difficult to raise enough money through cash donations alone. We also must rely on everyone that is able, to develop a personal goal of generosity and then accomplish it, whether through a one-time gift, or a pledge one step at a time. It is our hope, through fervent prayer, that the pledge is contemplated in the spirit of shared sacrifice in our commitment to the values of our faith.

For more information on how you can help,
please visit our website.

www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.html

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen (High School)

This Week: No Life Teen. We will return August 1.

Next Week: "Pizza and Psalm 78"-Life Teen will have a picnic in the back field outside the youth room from 6:15-7:30 pm. If the weather is poor, we will meet in the youth room. I'll bring the pizza and you bring a Bible, a lawn chair, and a mask if you have not been vaccinated. If you don't have a Bible, let me know and I will get one for you.

2021 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

- July 25 No Life Teen
- August 1 Bring your Bibles, we'll bring the pizza.
- August 8 Life Teen-Who's ready for the festival?
- Aug 12-14 Parish Festival
- Aug 15 No Life Teen-Thanks for everyone's help and support with the parish festival.
- Aug 22 Life Teen-Burritos and the Bible

📞 **John Triscik:** jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org
 ☎️ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is for all 6-8th graders and meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm. We will return in September. Have a great summer!

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ADULT FAITH

Young Adults (21-39)

Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. Young Adults will gather next on July 28th as we continue our series of the Deuterocanonical books with "Baruch."

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With Much Gratitude...

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Middle School Religion Teacher

Candidates must possess academic excellence and a dedication to educating the whole child. Teachers in our school work cooperatively to meet the needs of our students through differentiated instruction in a Christ-centered environment. Clearances required.

After-School Care Assistants

Seeking afterschool care assistants, 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Days and hours may be negotiated. Duties include supervising students as they participate in activities such as snacks, arts and crafts, outdoor recess, homework, socializing, etc., responding to basic emergencies, and looking out for the welfare of the students. Clearances are required.

Cafeteria Assistant

9:00 am-1:00 pm to help in food preparation, serving, and clean up.

Interested applicants should contact Sister Eileen at sreileen@stjoanhershey.org or (717) 533-2854 x118.

EMPLOYMENT

Catholic Charities Executive Director

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA, has an immediate opening for a full time Executive Director. Catholic Charities is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and provides social services to the residents of the 15 counties that comprise the Diocese of Harrisburg. The Agency has a \$7 million budget and has approximately 160 full time equivalent employees. The Executive Director reports to the Bishop of Harrisburg and is guided by the Catholic Charities Board of Directors. Responsibilities include Leadership, Administration, Program Review, Budgeting, Fundraising, Contract Administration and Community Outreach. Candidate must be a Catholic in good standing. Additionally, ChildLine, State Police and FBI clearances are required. Catholic Charities provides a competitive salary, excellent benefits and a company matching 401(k) program. For more information visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/job/executive-director-position/> Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter indicating salary requirements to CCEDsearch@hbgdiocese.org.

✠ LIVESTREAMING

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